

CLAIMS

1. A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of lactoferrin to reduce microbial contamination.
2. A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of isolated lactoferrin to reduce microbial contamination.
3. A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of lactoferrin mixed with a carrier to reduce microbial contamination.
4. A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of lactoferrin mixed with a nutritionally acceptable carrier to reduce microbial contamination.
5. A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of isolated lactoferrin mixed with a nutritionally acceptable carrier to reduce microbial contamination.
6. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said lactoferrin is a recombinantly produced lactoferrin.
7. A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein said lactoferrin is a recombinantly produced lactoferrin.